

## **CROW CREEK PIPELINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

CROW CREEK PIPELINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW The United States Forest Service (Forest Service) Caribou-Targhee National Forest (CTNF) is inviting comments on the Crow Creek Pipeline Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The CTNF is proposing to issue a Special Use Authorization (SUA) and amendment to the Caribou National Forest Revised Forest Plan to allow a utility corridor. The CTNF Forest Supervisor is the Responsible Official for the decision on this project. The decision will include whether or not to issue the SUA and amend the Forest Plan. If the project is authorized, the decision would also include the selection of a route location. The Draft EIS has been prepared to analyze and disclose the effects for the construction of a twelve-inch diameter or less, high-pressure natural gas pipeline between Afton, Wyoming and Montpelier, Idaho. The pipeline would parallel existing road corridors on National Forest System (NFS) land where feasible. However, in several locations, the pipeline would be constructed within an Inventoried Roadless Area (IRA). The total pipeline length would be approximately 48 miles. The pipeline would provide natural gas to the Afton/Star Valley Wyoming area, which is currently provided by trucking liquefied natural gas to a central distribution facility located in Star Valley. The Draft EIS is available for public review and comment as of August 24, 2018. Reviewers should provide the Forest Service with their comments during the 90-day review period, which will end November 23, 2018. This will enable the Forest Service to analyze and respond to the comments at one time and to use information acquired in the preparation of the Final EIS, thus avoiding undue delay in the decision-making process. The Draft EIS is available for review at the CTNF Supervisors Office at 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho; the Montpelier Ranger District Office at 322 N. 4111 Street, Montpelier, Idaho 83254; or online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ctnf/landmanagement/projects>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Mike Duncan at 208-847-0375 or [mduncan@fs.fed.us](mailto:mduncan@fs.fed.us). Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted until the close of business on November 23, 2018, which is 90 calendar days following the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The publication date in the Federal Register is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. Written comments must be submitted to: GREG BROWN, PRINCIPAL, CROW CREEK PIPELINE PROJECT, C/O STANTEC, ADDRESS: 3995 SOUTH 700 EAST, SUITE 300, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84107, EMAIL: [comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-montpelier@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-intermtn-caribou-targhee-montpelier@fs.fed.us). The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered comments are: 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc) to [email address]. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. A public meeting will be held in Afton, Wyoming for interested public at a date to be determined. A legal notice with information on date, time, and location of the meeting will be issued at least 14 days prior. August 24, 2018 LN25547

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